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# Making a place for children to play



ISOLATED: This bare park is earmarked for transformation.



By MICHAEL BLAXLAND

A SINGLE set of swings sits unloved and lonely in a park at Maryville.

Hogue Park, tucked away in Hogue Street is Maryville's sole listed park and changing demographics are making the development of community facilities crucial for the harbour-side suburb.

With leisure facilities only accessible across busy roads or in other suburbs, residents have begun a push to improve Maryville's assets.

At a recent Newcastle Council workshop on "place making" a competition was run to find the best community project.

A group of Maryville residents won, and \$500 is being put towards making Hogue Park a more child-friendly play space for the growing number of families living in the area.

Council senior strategist Christine Bramble said the small grant would support a pilot project that put the theory of "place making" into practice and engaged the community.

"The Hogue Park project group has already met with council officers to talk about options for the site and will be working closely with [the] council on the project," she said.

The group will match the council's contribution by volunteering labour and seeking in-kind support from local businesses.

Ms Bramble said the Hogue Park proposal consisted of enhancing the park by creating separate areas, for example, a quiet area, play area and additional shade trees with the idea for children to "adopt a tree".

Light industries in the vicinity would be involved by seeking donations towards seating and plaques about history of the place names in the area could be installed.

Residents and council officers will meet tomorrow (Thursday) to finalise plans.

>> Place making starts

# A Maryville park is the first project

The first place making project is under way and residents hope it will be a success...

By KYLIE ADORANTI

What was just a simple idea from a group of residents to fix up a Newcastle park has now turned into action.

The group, from Maryville, suggested making Hogue Park, Maryville, into a more child-friendly area at Newcastle City Council's place making workshop.

Council established place-making projects after the closure of community forums.

Maryville residents are the first to embrace place making.

Resident Alison Gilson said residents had thought about sprucing up Hogue Park a while ago but only mentioned it to council last week at the workshop.

"At the workshop each group representative had to stand up and explain what our ideas were," she said.

"This will be like a pilot project for place making, so we're going to be focused on making it a success."

The Maryville resident said the park idea came after residents asked about a play area for their kids.

"The park is under-utilised and it's a nice place for people to get out into the sunshine," Ms Gilson said.

"Parents I know were asking about the park and what we could do to improve it for the kids."

Ms Gilson said residents wanted to create a play area as well as a sitting spot with tables.

Council has pledged \$500 towards the park project and Ms Gilson said the rest of the funds would need to come from the community.

"We will organise a working bee for community members to come along to pull out weeds and help put tables



Local residents and kids enjoy Hogue Park, Maryville, and hope to improve it.

together," she said.

"And we will ask local businesses to support the project either with money or just to lend a helping hand seeing that they share the Maryville area with residents."

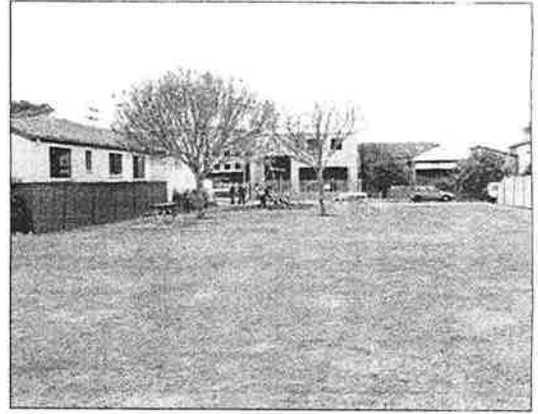
Ms Gilson said she would like to connect the park with its Aboriginal and European history.

"Maybe even look at putting in an Aboriginal mural," Ms Gilson said.

Ms Gilson will drop leaflets about the project into residents' letterboxes next week.

She encouraged the community to support the project and suggest ideas about how to improve the park.

For more information phone Ms Gilson on 4962 3131



What Hogue Park, Maryville looks like.